

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023

SUBJECT: SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WATER COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS AND RATE DESIGN WITH CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC. OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA – INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$40,000 FOR A REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$214,832

ISSUE:

Approve a Second Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement for the Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design with Carollo Engineers, Inc. of Riverside, California, increasing the contract amount by \$40,000 for a total revised contract amount of \$214,832.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities recommend that the City Council approve a Second Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement for Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design with Carollo Engineers, Inc., of Riverside, California, increasing the contract amount by \$40,000 for a total revised contract amount of \$214,832.

BACKGROUND:

On March 14, 2022, the Board of Public Utilities (Board) approved the Professional Consultant Services Agreement (Agreement) with Carollo Engineers, Inc., of Riverside, California, (Carollo), for the purpose of conducting a Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Project (“the Project”) for Riverside Public Utilities. The Project will provide a comprehensive review of all rate schedules, forecast of future revenue requirements, equitable allocation of costs among customer classes. The Project phases include:

Phase 1 – Cost of Service Analysis

Phase 2 – Rate Trends Study

Phase 3 – Rate Design

Phase 4 – Recycled Water Rate Design Recommendation

Phase 5 – Budget Based Rate Design Recommendation and Implementation Plan

The work for the five phases is a coordinated effort between RPU staff and Carollo. The results of the Water Rate Trends Study were presented to the Board on August 8, 2022. Current tentative presentation dates to the Board for the Cost of Service and Rate Design are March through May 2023.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority 6 - Infrastructure, Mobility & Connectivity**, and **Goal 6.2** - Maintain, protect and improve assets and infrastructure within the City's built environment to ensure and enhance reliability, resiliency, sustainability, and facilitate connectivity.

The item also aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** –The Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Project is transparent and developed with our customers' and the community's wellbeing as a top priority.
2. **Equity** –The Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Project includes an equitable allocation of costs among customer classes which is incorporated into the resulting rate design recommendation.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Project incorporates a forecasted revenue requirement that includes operating and capital expenditures funded by the prudent use of rate revenue, bond proceeds, and reserves.
4. **Innovation** –The Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Project includes the Water Utility Rate Trend Study that evaluates emerging rate structures, technologies, and trends and how they may apply or be implemented by RPU.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The Water Cost of Service Analysis and Rate Design Project will design future rates for a five-year period to equitably recover costs while maintaining the financial health of RPU.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for the Second Amendment to the Professional Consultant Services Agreement is \$40,000. Sufficient funds are available in the Management Services Professional Services Account No. 6000000-421000.

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Attachments:

1. Second Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement
2. Presentation